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Office of the Resident

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Subject.

Appointment of Mr.F.F.C.Edmonds M.A.BSc. as Inspector of Schools Coorg and Bangalore.

Previous References.

Later References.

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S. N. ~~72~~

Demi-official letter No.1578-Ed., dated the 27th August, 1929, from the Government of India, Department of Education, Health and Lands.

Resident has seen. I have told Mr. McAlpine on the telephone, but we should let him know demi-officiall

Now we must take up ~~to~~ the questions (1) of finding out by telegram the date of arrival of Mr.Edmonds and (2) of arranging for Mr. McAlpine to stay on for a period to put Mr. Edmonds in the way of things.

Id/- G.L.
2/9/29.

Two drafts submitted for approval.

T. N. Thangavelu
Mudaliar.
2-9-1929.

Secretary

D.O. letter and telegram may issue as amended and also official telegram.

esdt. 3.9.29

4/9/29.

Issued No. 7628-29, and 7643, dated the 4th and 5th September, 1929.

S.N. ~~73-5~~
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S. N. 10/5

Telegram, dated the 7th September, 1929, from the Secretary to the Government of India, Department of ---- Education, Health and Lands, Simla.

Further communication from the Government of India may be awaited.

T. N. Thangavelu
Mudaliar.
9-9-1929.

Secretary

S. N. 8.

Endorsement No. 1688-Edn., dated the 12th September, 1929, from the Government of India in the Department of Education, Health and Lands.

The P.U.C. is submitted for information.

May be filed.

T. N. Thangavelu
Mudaliar.
23-9-1929.

Secretary

Note on the question of Mr. Edmonds working under Mr. McAlpine for a certain period after his arrival in India.

Mr. McAlpine's period of loan from the Mysore Durbar ends on 16th February 1930, but there would probably be no difficulty in getting this extended till the end of March 1930. ~~Would it be thought desirable~~. Owing to leave arrangements in Mr. McAlpine's department of the University, an extension of his loan beyond the end of March is unlikel

The question whether Mr. Edmonds should assume complete chafge of the Education Departments in Coorg and Bangalore immediately on his arrival in India may be considered under two heads -- (a) general, (b) particular.

[(a) General.

It has already been pointed out to the Government of India that the post of Inspector of Schools here is a misnomer. He is actually the head of the department, and performs the duties of a Director of Public Instruction. Whereas the ordinary District Educational Officer in Madra Presidency has charge only of the boys' schools in his area, the Inspector here has everything - boys' schools, girls' schools, technical schools and training schools for teachers. In addition he is in complete financial charge of the department, and is responsible for its budget. Finally the whole of the educational policy of Coorg and Bangalore devolves on him. Since the post of Inspector of Schools in Bangalore was created it has always been held by a man with from 15 to 20 years' educational experience in India. Mr. Edmonds is under 30 years of age, and his only experience is that of an assistant master for a few years in some school in England He is arriving shortly in India for the first time, and to suggest that he can take independent charge of the department here immediately on his arrival is to court disaster.

certificate, but I feel that a change of inspectors at this juncture will have a very unfortunate effect on public opinion. The selection of paper-setters and examiners is always a matter of some difficulty, and the standards have to be jealously guarded where an examination of so recent an origin is concerned. During the past three years it has been found necessary on more than one occasion to have a paper entirely revalued by another person. Mr. Edmonds will only have been in Bangalore a few days when the examination takes place, and it is impossible for him to take over the onerous duties of Chairman of the Board of Examiners. He will have no conception of standards till he has been here at least a year, and seen the work done in all the schools. Mr. McAlpine on the other hand, has been in the post for the best part of a year, and has in addition been engaged in educational work actually in Bangalore for over 15 years. He is an expeienced chairman of examination boards, and I cannot but be gravely apprehensive of what may happen if he hands over charge to Mr. Edmonds before the results are announced at the end of January 1930.

In support of my earnest request that Mr. Edmonds should work under Mr. McAlpine till the end of March 1930, I would point out that when Mr. Tinker was coming here in 1928 to succeed Mr. Yates, I recommended that he should work under the latter for three months, and Mr. Tinker is an I.E.S. officer with nearly 14 years' expeience in India. When Mr. McAlpine took over the duties of acting Inspector of Schools from Mr. Yates in February 1929, Mr. Yates took 10 weeks leave in Bangalore. During the whole of his leave he very kindly went voluntarily to the office daily in order to advise Mr. McAlpine. The latter cannot do the same for Mr. Edmonds, as he does notgo on leave, but reverts to his own permanent appojntment when he leaves here. I have therefore

Please see S.N. 10 in which the Government of India have stated that the question of the retention of Mr. McAlpine for one month after the arrival of Mr.+ Edmonds is under consideration and a reply will be sent shortly. No further communication has yet been received from the Government of India. Submitted for orders as to whether a ------ reminder should be sent to the Government of India.

+ due at the beginning of November S.6

T. N. Thangavelu
Mudaliar
21-10-1929

Secretary (136)

The Dept. of Education, Health and Lands are treating us very badly over this case. I suggest a rather 'short' telegram.

Resdt. 22.10.29

& One does not often encounter mind over matter in this Dept.!
22.10.29

(137) I have always thought it might be right.
23/10

23/10

(138) Some draft as amended & put up draft letter as explained verbally.
24.10.29

Probably near 15th Nov: as he is coming 'C.C.S.' - or even later
25.10.29

(139) Mr. Edmonds is expected here on or about 3rd November 1929.

The extra cost involved by the proposal to retain Mr. McAlpine up to and inclusive of the 15th February 1930 amounts to Rs. 6256/-. This can be met from the savings anticipated under Medical budget estimates- vide S.N. 12/B. 102/29

x Rs. 1787½ × 3½ months = Rs. 6256.

@ Rs. 6690.

The additional allotments required for Cleveland Town Police Station and the Isolation Hospital will be met from savings anticipated under the provision made for the construction

S.N. 18. Issued No. 9572, dated the 13th November, 1929.

To

The Pay and Accounts Officer, Bangalore, U.O. with reference to para 22 of the office notes.

THE PAY AND ACCOUNT OFFICE
Date 15 NOV. 1929
Current No. 119
File No.
71.0.9654
14.11.29

T. N. Thangavelu
Mudaliar
14-11-1929.

The Pay & Account Officer u/o.

Mr. Edmonds called at this office and informed me that he landed at Bombay on the 7th November 1929. Under Clause 9 of his agreement he is entitled to draw pay at Rs.550 plus Overseas Pay at Rs.150/- per mensem with effect from that date and a pay slip will be issued from this office to enable him to draw pay accordingly.

The High Commissioner for India has advanced the officer a sum of Rs.700/-. Mr. Edmonds does not wish to have a further advance.

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16/11/29

S. Thangavelu
15.11.29

The Secretary to the Resident, Bangalore. U.O.
No. 206 15th November 1929.

Paras 24 & 25 ante

Submitted for information with reference to para 22 of the office notes.

T. N. Thangavelu
Mudaliar
16-11-1929

16/11

D.O. No. 1578-Edn.

Government of India,

Department of Education, Health and Lands, 8512

Simla, the 27th August 1929. 2/9/29.

10/29

Dear Mr. Pears,

In reply to your telegram no.6962, dated the 13th August 1929, I am to say that your representation regarding the appointment of Mr. Edmonds as Inspector of Schools, Bangalore and Coorg, was, as you requested, duly placed before His Excellency the Viceroy, His Excellency has directed me to express regret that, as Mr. Edmonds has already been recruited for the appointment by the High Commissioner for India, it is not now possible to take the action you suggest. I am, however, to point out that Mr. Edmonds will be on two years' probation, and that should he prove unequal to the duties of the post, as it is hoped will not prove to be the case, his appointment can be terminated and the whole position reconsidered. Sanction to the retention of Mr. McAlpine's services until Mr. Edmonds arrives has issued.

Yours sincerely,

The Hon'ble Mr. S.E. Pears,
C.S.I., C.I.E.,
Resident in Mysore and
Chief Commissioner of Coorg.

SDU.
26.8.

2.9.29

DEPARTMENT.

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File No. 106/28

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No. 7643 Dated 5-9- 1929.

From The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident.

To E.G.McAlpine, Esquire, M.A., (Edin.), Inspector of Schools, Coorg & Bangalore.

Subject:- APPOINTMENT OF MR.EDMONDS AS INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS, COORG AND BANGALORE.

D.O.

My dear McAlpine,

I am desired to confirm my talk on the telephone of the 2nd September, 1929, in which I told you that information had been received from the Government of India that a Mr.Edmonds has been recruited for the post of Inspector of Schools, Bangalore and Coorg.

2. The Government of India are being asked to ~~wi~~ telegraph the date of arrival of Mr.Edmonds and I will let you know their reply in due course, but the Resident hopes that it will be possible, and not inconvenient to you, to arrange - - for you to remain for a short time after Mr.Edmonds' arrival so that he may have the benefit of your advice and help at the outset.

Yours sincerely,

Sd. Gloch.

S. 5.

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DEPARTMENT.

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Date of despatch of above

List of enclosures

(Code word for telegrams.)

No. 7629 Dated 4-9-1928.

From

Resident Mysore.

To

Edlands

SIMLA.

In view of difficulties that will face newcomer especially one fresh from Home it is essential that McAlpine should be allowed to remain so that Edmonds may have benefit of his advice and experience at outset aaa Therefore request sanction by telegram to retain McAlpine for one month after arrival of Edmonds.

S. 5.

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TO President Mysore Bangalore

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29 O no 1658/From your Demi official telegram fourth September 4628 enquiry Brigade from Hqrs Commissioner as to probable date arrival Edmonds Edlands

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THE MYSORE RESIDENCY,
Bangalore,
Dated, the 17th Septr., 1929.

My dear McAlpine,

S.N.2

I am desired to refer to my demi-official letter No.7643, dated the 5th - - September, 1929, and to say that Mr. Edmonds is due to sail by the 15th October for Bombay in the S.S. 'City of Paris'.

Yours sincerely,
d/c

E. G. McAlpine, Esquire, M.A., (Edin.),
Inspector of Schools,
Coorg and Bangalore.

ASB

No. 1000-Edn.
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
Department of Education, Health and Lands,
Simla, the 12th September 1929.

A copy of the undermentioned papers is forwarded to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore, for information, with reference to the correspondence ending with his telegram no.6962 dated the 13th August 1929.

S.N.71
106/28

By order,

Assistant Secretary.

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Letter from the High Commissioner for India, No. G.106727, dated the 15th August 1929, and enclosures.
24.3.65

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1067:27

Copy of a letter No. G 52.3.35 dated the 16th August 1939, from the Secretary to the High Commissioner for India, General Department, London, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Education, Health and Lands, Simla.

Subject:- Recruitment of a candidate for the special post of Inspector of Schools, Bangalore District.

In continuation of the correspondence resting with this Office Telegram No. 15011 dated 8th August 1939 (copy enclosed), I am directed by the High Commissioner for India to inform you that as the result of the steps taken to advertise the above noted appointment fifteen applications were received. These were considered by a Selection Committee constituted as follows:-

Chairman	Mr. J.C.D. Clarke, C.I.E., C.B.E., I.C.S., Secretary to the High Commissioner.
Members	Mr. J.J. Yates, M.A., I.E.S., Inspector of Schools, Mysore Division, Bangalore.
	Mr. J.H. Harrop, M.A., of the Office of Special Enquiries and Reports, Board of Education.

2. A copy of the report of the Selection Committee is enclosed herewith. It will be seen that the Committee recommended that the appointment be offered to a Mr. P.B.C. Edwards, M.A., Esq. I am to say that the High Commissioner approves the recommendation of the Committee and the appointment will accordingly be accepted by Mr. Edwards. Steps are now being taken to execute the necessary form of agreement with Mr. Edwards and the question of his passage to India will be considered in due course.

3. A copy of the form of application and relevant papers of Mr. Edwards is enclosed.

RECRUITMENT OF AN INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS
BANGALORE & COORG, S.I.E.

Report of a Selection Committee held at the Office of the High Commissioner for India on the 26th July 1928.

The High Commissioner for India having been asked by the Government of India to undertake the recruitment of a suitably qualified candidate for the special post of Inspector of Schools, Bangalore and Coorg, the appointment was widely advertised in the leading London and provincial press and educational journals and brought to the notice of certain educational authorities. Fifteen applications were received.

2 A Selection Committee constituted as follows assembled here to interview candidates of likely suitability.

Chairman — Mr. J. A. Brebner, C.I.E., C.B.E., I.C.S., Secretary to the High Commissioner for India.

Members — Mr. J. A. [illegible], C.I.E., I.C.S., late Inspector of Schools, Bangalore & Coorg.

Mr. F. H. Dale, M.A., Chief of Special Enquiries and Reports, Board of Education.

3 As a result of the preliminary examination of the applications it was decided to summon for personal interview the following candidates, a schedule of whose qualifications is attached

Mr. G. Harrison, B.A.,
" [illegible] B.A., B.Sc.
" [illegible] B.Sc., A.I.C.
" J.A. Billingham, B.Sc.
" F. Marchison, B.A.

4 The five gentlemen named were interrogated very thoroughly with regard to their University training and teaching experience and particular care was taken to ascertain to what extent they were qualified to undertake administrative control in view of the important and special

duties of the post. It was borne in mind that some acquaintance with technical education was desirable, combined if possible, with a knowledge of gardening, music and singing.

5 The Committee after careful consideration formed the opinion that of the candidates offering Mr. Edmonds was the most suitable for the appointment, in view of his academic qualifications, teaching experience and technical ability. He appeared to the Committee to possess a likeable and cheerful character and his athletic attainments indicated a well-balanced individual.

6 Mr. Edmonds is aged 27 ~~13~~ years. He is married but has no family. From 1918 to 1930 he attended Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School, Rochester, and for the last two years was Captain of the School. In 1930 he was awarded an Exhibition in Natural Science at Queen's College, Cambridge, where he took the three years' Natural Science course, being awarded 2nd class honours in Part II Natural Science Tripos (Chemistry). He was also awarded the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In November 1933 he obtained the degree of B.Sc. (London) (1st class honours in Chemistry). For the years 1933-1936 he was Science and Mathematics Master at Northallerton Grammar School, where he taught Chemistry, Physics Rural Science and Gardening. He was also Master of the Choir. From 1936 to date he has been Senior Chemistry Master at Beckenham ~~XX~~ County School, Kent, where he has acquired a certain amount of supervisory experience. In 1937 he was awarded the degree of M.A. (Cantab.) Mr. Edmonds appears to be an accomplished pianist and has experience in lecturing on music. His testimonials are of a high order and commend him as a man of the highest principles and integrity, who applies keenness and enthusiasm to educational work.

After careful consideration the Committee decided unanimously to recommend to the High Commissioner that Mr. Edmonds should be accepted for the appointment subject to his satisfying the

General Department File No.
G.9529/Appts.
24-3-65.

Application for appointment as Inspector of Schools, Bangalore and Coorg, South India.

Name of Applicant in full in Block Letters (surname first)

EDMONDS, Francis Frederick Colton.

Date of birth - October 16th 1901.

Present address - 62 Cromwell Road, Beckenham, Kent.

Permanent address - As above.

State:- Father's place of birth - London, England.
" nationality at birth - British.
" present nationality British
" Profession Retired. Late of H.M.Dockyard Chatham.

Mother's place of birth - Rochester, Kent, England
" nationality at birth - British.

Applicant's place of birth - Rochester, Kent, England.

Are you married? If so, and if you have a family, give ages and sex of children.

Yes. No children.

Have you previously applied to this Office for employment? If so, give date of application, and state nature of post sought.

No.

To be filled up by Applicant.

Give names and addresses of at least two persons, referably in Great Britain, to whom reference may be made as to(a) and (b) competency.

(a) Rev.R.J.Fleming M.A., Elm Road, Beckenham, Kent.

(b) C.A.,Elgood Esq., the Croft, Beckenham, Kent,

And my Headmasters:- Hall T.Palmer Esq. M.A.,Northallerton Grammer School, Yorkshire.

and C.T.M.Watts Esq. B.Sc. Boys County School Beckenham

Have you received any gratuity in respect of service under:-

(I) Government in India? No.

(II) Any other Government ? No.

Here give a brief history of your career in chronological order under the following headings. Dates should be stated throughout:-

(a) Schools or Colleges at which educated. Full particulars should be furnished of honours, certificates, etc., gained.

(b) Particulars of subsequent experience, giving names of individuals, firms or institutions by whom employed,the kind of work upon which engaged and salary received.

(c) Details of war service, if any.

(d) Particulars of any serious illness suffered.

(e) knowledge of languages other than English.

Dates.

(a) 1918-1923. Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School,Rochester (Captain of the school 1919-20).

Jan.1920 Awarded open scholarship in Natural Science at Queen's College, Cambridge.

1920-1923 Natural Science Course at Queen's College,Cambridge (Chemistry, Physics, Physiology).

June 1923 Part 2 Natural Science Tripos (Chemistry) 2nd class Honours.

Bachelor of Arts Degree.

Nov. 1923. Bachelor of Science Degree (London) (2nd class Honours -Chemistry)

(b) Sept. 1923 to Nov. 1926. Assistant Master(Science) at Northallerton Grammer School,Yorkshire. Subjects.-Chemistry, Physics, Rural Science and Gardening.

Nov.1926 Junior Chemistry Master at Beckenham County School for Boys, Kent.

Jan. 1927. Master of Arts degree.

My testimonials speak of my work in connection with Music at both schools at which I have taught. I have trained School Choirs, produced operas by boys and am at present a musical representative on the Executive Committee of the Beckenham Festival.

SALARY Salary according to the Burnham Scale with Hons.degree allowance.

(c) Under age at the Armistice

(d) No serious illnesses whatever

(e) French.

Signature F.Edmonds L.L.(Cantab).
B.Sc.(London)

Date 23rd June 1929.

[illegible] G.9029 /Apptm.
This sheet to be typed and forwarded.

[illegible]

[illegible]

How long have you known [illegible]?

About two years.

I am interested in the School in which he holds the position of Assistant Master. I have also met him on various social and public functions where we have had kindred interests.

2. Do yo[illegible]

Yes.

3. What is your opinion [illegible] conduct, character, [illegible] for [illegible]?

I believe him to be a man of strict integrity, and strong common-sense; [illegible] and good [illegible] even under provocation.

Do you consider [illegible]
his [illegible]
of [illegible]
for [illegible]

Yes.

5. Any further remarks which you may desire to make [illegible] Candidate's [illegible] appointment?

I believe Mr Edwards to be a man of more than average ability and promise. He has lectured on several occasions to my Literary Society with much acceptance. He has shown himself interested in social and public matters outside his school duties in a way that has been much appreciated.

Signature Ed. L.S.Fleming.

Date 21.July 1923.

Confidential. G.9529 /Appts.
This sheet to be detached and returned.

Mr. Francis Frederick Colton Edmonds,
62, Cromwell Road, Beckenham.

1. How long have you known him, and in what capacity?

Since September 1923.
From September 1923 to November 1926 as my Science Master at Northallerton Grammer School.)
From November 1926 to present time, I have seen him occasionally and continue to take an interest in him.

2. Do you believe him to be strictly sober and temperate?

Yes. he neither smokes, nor drinks anything of a alcoholic nature.

3. What is your opinion as to his conduct, character, tact, and temper?

His conduct was praiseworthy and his character was of the highest when he was my Assistant. He is very good tempered-remarkably so: and I should think if placed in position of responsibility, would be tactful in dealing with his subordinates. He was persona grata and very popular with all, when he was at Northallerton.

4. Do you consider that the Government of India would employ him in positions of responsibility and trust, such as charge of Police subordinates, with full confidence in his fitness for such posts?

He is very reliable and trustworthy, has high ideals and a high sense of duty. You could place implicit trust in him.

5. Any further remarks which you may desire to make as to the candidate's fitness for appointment.

He possesses a good constitution and a great store of energy. He is gifted as a musician- plays the piano and the violin and sings well. He is also an all round sportsman- a first class tennis player, a good cricketer and footballer. He was inexperienced as a teacher when he came to me, but his later experience at Beckenham must have continued the development which he made at Northallerton.

I think he ought to do very well.

Sd. Hall T. Palmer

July 26th 1929.

Confidential. G.9529 /Appts.
This sheet to be detached and returned.

Mr. Francis Frederick Colton Edmonds,
62, Cromwell Road, Beckenham.

1. How long have you known him, and in what capacity?

Over 5 years.

2. Do you believe him to be strictly sober and temperate?

Yes.

What is your opinion as to his conduct, character, tact, and temper?

That all are good.

4. Do you consider that the Government of India could employ him in positions of responsibility and trust, and in charge of Indian subordinates, with full confidence in his fitness for such posts?

Yes.

5. Any further remarks which you may desire to make as to the Candidate's fitness for appointment.

As a member of the Kent Education Committee and Chairman of the District Comm. I have had many opportunities of observing Mr. Edmunds and his work and can confidently recommend him for such an appointment as this.

Signature Sd. C.A.Elgood.
J.P.Kent.
Date 21-7-29.

20th February 1926.

From Hall T. Palmer, M.A., B.Sc., Headmaster of Northallerton Grammar School.

Mr. F.F.C. Edmonds has been Science and Mathematics Master at this School for nearly three years, and he now wishes to gain wider experience by a change of school. Though I acknowledge the wisdom of his decision, I shall be extremely sorry to lose him from my staff, as he has served the school well, and has stood always in the happiest of relationships with the pupils, the members of the Staff and myself.

His lessons are well-prepared, and a genuine interest in Science has been created among his pupils, many of whom are now found using their leisure time out of school hours in various forms of experimental work.

Mr. Edmonds is a man with a high sense of responsibility and is ever reliable. He is always ready to give his valuable help on the Sports' field or in the musical life of the school, to which his great musical gifts have made him a distinct asset. Under his able leadership, the school Choir has reached a high state of perfection and has won several distinctions in the local Tournaments of Song. He himself, being an accomplished artist, has become well known in the musical and operatic life of Northallerton and district. Mr. Edmonds is also a good all-round sportsman, at football, cricket and tennis, and his influence with the boys in their games has been unmistakeably good and healthful.

He has made an excellent start in this, his first teaching post, and I have no hesitation in warmly recommending him to any Headmaster who is seeking a promising Assistant.

I shall always be most happy to answer any questions concerning him.

Sd. Hall T. Palmer.

Copy.

11, Elm Road,
Beckenham.

February 25th 1929.

I have known Mr. F.F.C. Edmonds for the greater part of the time he has been at the Beckenham County School and have formed a high opinion of his personal character and attainments. I resigned from the Education Committee some three years ago and so cannot speak of his work in the School. But from coming in contact with him in various capacities outside his School work, I have been strongly impressed by his all round efficiency. He has, during the comparatively short period of his residents in Beckenham, made for himself quite a unique position by his musical gifts which he has very generously used for the good of the community. In lecturing he marshals his facts with great ease and clearness: and has quite a gift of imparting to others something of his own enthusiasm.

Mr. Edmonds is a good sportsman and a fine specimen of upright English Manhood.

Sd. R.S.Fleming.

For thirty years associated with Education in Beckenham. For many years Chairman of Elementary Education Sub-Committee and for some years Vice Chairman of Higher Education Committee.

"THE CROFT"

BECKENHAM,

KENT.

27th February 1929.

It gives me pleasure to write on behalf of Mr. F.F.C. Edmonds, M.A.,B.Sc.

At various times since his appointment to the County School for Boys, Beckenham, mention has been made at meetings of the Governors, testifying to the excellence of his teaching capabilities.

He has a pleasant disposition and I am sure he will prove a loyal colleague and devote himself whole-heartedly to any school with which he may be connected.

Ed. C.A. Elgood

Chairman of the Beckenham & Penge District Committee.

From	To
The Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore, B a n g a l o r e.	The Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Education, Health & Lands, S i m l a.

Post copy of Telegram No. 8433, dated the 4th October, 1929.

S.N.G. Kindly telegraph reply to my telegram 7629 September fourth retention McAlpine for one month to enable me give Mysore Government due notice in connection with their posting arrangements.

O/C

REGISTRAR, RESIDENT'S OFFICE.

4/10/29.

MGIPC—FP—81DCF—S&P—(G-194)—2-6-27—60,000.

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Telegram dated the 5th October,1929, from the Secretary to the Government of India,Department of Education,Health and Lands, to the Resident in Mysore.

S.N.9
Mg J

1842 E Your telegram 8433 fourth October. McAlpine question still under consideration. Reply will be sent shortly.

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FROM	To
THE Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore.	THE Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Education, Health & Lands, New Delhi.

Post copy of Telegram No. 9008, dated the 24th October, 1929.

Your telegram 1842.E October fifth. As no reply has been received about McAlpine's retention am submitting revised proposals by post which kindly await.

O/C

REGISTRAR, RESIDENT'S OFFICE.

MGIPC—FP—81DCF—S&P—(G-194)—2-6-27—60,000.

No. 9092
106.B/1928.

From

The Hon'ble Mr. S. E. Pears, C.S.I., C.I.E.,
Resident in Mysore.

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Department of Education, Health and Lands.

Bangalore, the 21st Octr., 1929.

Retention of Mr. E. G. McAlpine up to the 15th February, 1930.

Sir,

S.N.4. I have the honour to refer to my telegram No.7629, dated the 4th September, 1929, in which the Government of India have been asked to accord sanction to retain -- Mr. McAlpine for one month after the arrival of Mr. F.F.C. Edmonds.

2. The question whether Mr.Edmonds should assume complete charge of the educational departments in Coorg and the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore immediately on his arrival in India has been under further examination and I wish to place certain considerations before the Government of India, some of which are of a general nature and some of which have only just come to notice and affect the change of Inspectors because it takes place at the present time of the year.

3. It has already been pointed out to the Government of India that the style of 'Inspector of Schools' here is a misnomer. He is actually the head of the department, and performs the duties of a Director of

Public

Public Instruction. Whereas the ordinary District -- Educational Officer in [illegible] Presidency has charge only of the boys' schools in his area, the Inspector here has everything - boys' schools, girls' schools, technical schools and training schools for teachers. In addition, he is in complete financial charge of the department, and is -- responsible for its budget. Finally the whole of the educational policy of Coorg and Bangalore devolves on him. Since the post of Inspector of Schools in Bangalore was created it has always been held by a man with from 15 to 20 years' educational experience in India. Mr. Edmonds is under 30 years of age, [illegible] and his only experience is that of an assistant master for a few years in some school in England. He is arriving shortly in India for the first time, and to suggest that he can take independent charge of the department here immediately on his arrival is to court disaster. By way of analogy, it may be pointed out that when the young policeman joins the service in India, he serves for two years in a police training school. The young civilian is, similarly, posted to a Collector's headquarters, and is lucky if he gets his first sub-division in 18 months. If Mr. Edmonds is not to serve some kind of probationary period under Mr. McAlpine, the present acting Inspector of Schools, there is bound to be chaos and trouble in the department, followed by complaints from Mr. Edmonds that he has been put in an entirely unfair position, and made to assume an impossible responsibility demanded from none of his predecessors.

I have, therefore, on general grounds to recommend that Mr. Edmonds should serve under Mr. McAlpine for a period of at least three months.

4. Apart altogether from these general considerations, there is one particular reason why it would be highly inadvisable for Mr. Edmonds to take charge immediately on his arrival.

The Inspector of Schools in Bangalore is Chairman of the Board of Examiners, which conducts the European High School and Middle School Examinations. These take place about the beginning of December and the results are -- generally published towards the end of January. These examinations in Bangalore have only been in existence since 1926, and Local pupils used to sit for the Madras examinations. A certain section of local opinion is still rather apprehensive as to whether this Bangalore Certificates carries the same weight as the Madras one, and letters on the subject have recently appeared in the local press. Further, the Anglo-Indian and Domiciled European Association in Bangalore have taken the matter up with the present Inspector of Schools. I have no reason to share these apprehensions regarding the value of the Bangalore certificates, but I feel that a change of Inspectors at this juncture may have a very unfortunate effect on public opinion. The selection of paper-setters and examiners is always a matter of some difficulty, and standards have to be jealously guarded, especially where an examination of so recent an origin is concerned. During the past three years it has been found necessary on more than one occasion to have a paper entirely revalued by another person.

Mr.Edmonds will only have been in Bangalore a few days when the examination takes place, and it is impossible for

him

him to take over the onerous duties of Chairman of the Board of Examiners. He will have no conception of standards till he has been here at least a year, and seen the work done in all the schools. Mr.McAlpine on the other hand, has been in the post for the best part of a year, and has in addition been engaged in educational work actually in Bangalore for over 15 years. He is an experienced chairman of Examination Boards, and I cannot but be grievely apprehensive of what may happen if he hands over charge to Mr. Edmonds before the results are announced at the end of January 1930.

5. In support of my earnest request that Mr.Edmonds should work under Mr.McAlpine till the end of 15th February 1930, I would refer to para 8 of the late Mr.Crumb's letter No.C/6015/1025, dated the 25th May, 1929, in which it was recommended that the successor to Mr.J.A.Yates should work under him for at least 3 months. In my telegram No.10773 dated the 21st November 1928, I recommended that Mr.Tinker should be here some time to understudy Mr. Yates, and Mr.Tinker is an Indian Educational Service Officer with nearly 14 years experience in India. When Mr. McAlpine took over the duties of acting Inspector of Schools from Mr. Yates in February 1928, Mr. Yates took 10 weeks leave in Bangalore. During the whole of his leave, he very kindly went voluntarily to the office daily in order to advise Mr.McAlpine. The latter cannot do the same for Mr.Edmonds, as he does not go on leave, but reverts to his own permanent appointment when he leaves here. Bangalore is one of the most important educational centres in India and to place Mr. Edmonds in sole charge of the duties of the Inspector of Schools immediately on his arrival would in my opinion, affect most prejudicially the high educational reputation of Bangalore.

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6. In the circumstances, I request that the Government of India may be pleased to sanction the retention of Mr. McAlpine till the 15th February, 1930. I suggest that date as the Government of Mysore have extended the period of his loan till then.

The extra cost involved by the proposal amounts to Rs.6,256/- for three and half months (roughly depending on the date of Mr. Edmonds' arrival) at -- Rs.1,787/8/0 per mensem and it will be met by reappropriation from savings anticipated in the current year's Assigned Tract budget estimates.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

6/c (Sd) S. E. Pears

RESIDENT.

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Telegraphic Address: Bangacts, BANGALORE.	GOVERNMENT OF INDIA **The Pay and Accounts Office** **BANGALORE.**	Telephone: Office 47

Ref. No. P.G. 2411 28th October 1929.

Enclosures

To

The Secretary to the Resident,

BANGALORE.

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BUDGET ESTIMATES 1930-31.

Sir,

S.86. 11/162-29. With reference to your letter No.8703/162/1929, dated the 15th October, 1929, regarding provision of Rs.4,000/- in the High Commissioner's Budget estimates for 1930-31 on account of overseas pay of Mr. F.F.C.Edmonds, Inspector of Schools, I have the honor to request that as under the Government of India, Department of Education Health and Lands, letter No.997 Edn., dated the 25th May, 1929, the pay of the officer depends on his age, information as to the date of birth of the officer and a copy of the agreement executed by the officer may kindly be forwarded to this office.

S.N. 65 106-28

The High Commissioner for India has intimated to this office that he has advanced Rs.550/- plus Overseas Pay Rs.150/- bein one month's pay, to the officer before sailing. It therefore appear that the officer's age is about 28. If so, the overseas pay of Rs.150/- is payable only in India until his 29th birthday.

The necessity for providing funds in the High Commissioner budget and the amount required can be determined only after the date of birth of the officer is known.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

vdv.

PAY AND ACCOUNTS OFFICER.

Copy of letter No. G.24-3-65, dated 10th October 1929, from the High Commissioner for India, London, to the Government of India, Department of Education, Health & Lands.

Subject:- Recruitment of a candidate for the special post of Inspector of Schools, Bangalore and Coorg. Appointment of Mr. F. F.C.Edmonds.

With reference to correspondence resting with this Office Telegram No.15816, dated the 11th September 1929, on the above subject, I am directed by the High Commissioner for India to inform you that Mr. Francis Frederick Colton Edmonds has been appointed to the above post and the necessary form of agreement has been executed with him. One part and two copies of this agreement are enclosed herewith.

2. First class passages to Bombay have been reserved for Mr. Edmonds and his wife in the City Line s.s. "City of Paris" which is due to sail from Birkenhead on the 15th October 1929. Mr. Edmonds will be instructed that he should make his own arrangements for the journey to Bangalore to join his appointment and subsequently to submit a claim for the travelling expenses admissible to him under the terms of his appointment in respect of the journey involved. Mr. Edmonds will be instructed that he should, on his arrival at Bangalore, report for duty to the Honourable the Resident in Mysore and Chief Commissioner of Coorg.

3. I am to state that an advance of the equivalent of one month's pay (Rs.550 plus Rs. 150 overseas pay) has been issued to Mr. Edmonds, this amount is recoverable from his pay in India.

4. A certificate of Birth produced by Mr. Edmonds indicated that he was born on the 16th October 1901.

NOTICE.

It must be understood that, although the agreement as required by law is in form an agreement with the Secretary of State for India in Council, this appointment is made by the Government of India. The person selected to fill it will be subject in all respects throughout his service to the orders of that Government, against which no appeal will ordinarily lie to the Secretary of State for India in Council. His salary and pension (if any) will be subject to the vote of the Legislative Assembly.

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1. That he the party of the first part will on being provided with a first-class passage for himself and his wife to India proceed thither within such time as may be prescribed by the Government.

2. That he will on arrival in India forthwith proceed to Bangalore and report himself there to the Resident in Mysore and will submit himself to the orders of the Government and of the Officers and Authorities under whom he may from time to time be placed by the Government and will remain in the service on probation for a term of two years with effect from the date of his reporting for duty in India and, if his service is approved by the Government for a further term of eight years and that he will at all times obey the rules prescribed for the time being for the regulation of the branch of the public service to which he may belong and will from time to time proceed wherever he may be directed.

3. That he will employ himself efficiently and diligently and to the best of his ability as an Inspector of Schools in Bangalore and Coorg and that he will devote his whole time to the duties of the appointment and will not engage directly or indirectly in any trade business or occupation on his own account and that he will not (except in case of accident or sickness certified by competent medical authority) absent himself from his said duties without having first obtained permission from the Government or their authorised Officers.

4. That if he shall fail to proceed to India or to join his appointment or if he shall during the said term of two years relinquish the service of the Government except in consequence of ill-health certified to the satisfaction of the Government he shall forthwith on demand refund to them the cost of the passages provided under clause 1 hereof.

5. That the Government may at any time dispense with his services without notice in the event of misconduct on his part or of a breach by him of any of the conditions herein specified.

6. That it shall be lawful for the Government if satisfied on the report of the duly constituted advisory Medical Board that he is unfit and is likely for a considerable period to continue unfit by reason of ill-health for the discharge of his duties in India to determine the service under these presents (the decision of the Government being conclusive) and thereupon his services shall be terminated.

7. That he will if required by the Government pass such examination or examinations as may be prescribed by them in vernacular languages and if he shall fail to do so they may dispense with his services.

8. That this Agreement may be terminated at any time by the Government or the party of the first part within the term of ten years by three calendar months' notice in writing.

9. That if he shall observe and comply with all the provisions of these presents there shall be paid to him with effect from the date of his disembarkation in India (subject to his proceeding to join his appointment without delay) pay and overseas pay in accordance with the scale set out in the Schedule hereto provided that for the purposes of this scale he shall receive initial pay at the rate of **Rupees Five hundred and fifty (Rs. 550)** per mensem and overseas pay at the rate of **Rupees One hundred and fifty (Rs. 150)** per mensem and subsequent increments shall have effect annually where admissible with effect from the Sixteenth day of October One thousand

nine hundred and thirty. He shall not be entitled to claim the said increments as of right. If his work is unsatisfactory they may be stopped deferred or suspended. He shall not be entitled to any allowance or concession except as herein mentioned nor shall he be entitled to any pension or gratuity on retirement.

10. That the Government will provide him at the public expense with a first-class passage to England for himself and his wife (or at his option with a passage to any other country at a cost not exceeding that of a first-class passage to England) provided that he claims such passage within three months from any such termination of the service as is mentioned in this clause and provided also that he shall actually quit the service in India and shall leave India within such time as he may be directed—

(*a*) on the termination of the service at the expiration of the said term of two years; or

(*b*) on the termination of the service prior to the expiration of the said term of two years by the Government in India on the ground of ill-health under the provisions of clause 6 hereof such ill-health not being brought on by his own neglect or carelessness (of which the certificate of the proper medical officer of the Government shall be conclusive); or

(*c*) on the termination of the service by the Government under the provisions of clause 8 hereof during the said term of two years.

11. That if he shall be granted leave by the Government preparatory to his retirement at the expiry of the said term of two years and shall actually leave India he shall be provided with a first-class passage to England for himself and his wife (or at his option with passages to any other country at a cost not exceeding that of a first-class passage to England) provided that he claims such passages and leaves India accompanied by his wife within three months from the commencement of such leave and as the Government may direct.

12. That he shall while on duty in India and during the period of his engagement be entitled to travelling allowances at the rates prescribed under the rules which may for the time being be applicable and travelling allowances on the same scale shall also be payable to him for himself only in respect of his journeys in India on first joining the appointment and from his station to his port of embarkation if and when he leaves India under circumstances which entitle him to the grant of a return passage as specified in clause 10 of this Agreement.

13. That during the said term of ten years he shall be eligible for leave under the rules for the time being in force applicable to his case.

14. That during the said term of 10 years he shall subscribe to a special Provident Fund at the rate of one-twelfth of his pay each month the Government adding half-yearly a bonus at the rate of seventy-five per cent. of his subscriptions for the half-year. Interest at the rate of four and three-fourths per centum per annum or at such other rate as the Government may from time to time fix will be calculated monthly and added yearly to the account. The amount at his credit in the Fund will be paid to him on his quitting the service or to his legal representatives in the event of his death whilst in the service. Provided that the whole or any part of the bonus and interest and increment accrued thereon may be withheld to meet a liability incurred to the Government or in case he is dismissed from the service or in case he resigns the service within the said term of ten years. Provided further that if during the service a contributory Provident Fund is instituted he will join the same if required by the Government and his rights and liabilities in respect thereof will be regulated by the law and rules relating thereto.

15. That if his appointment is confirmed at the end of the said term of two years and he shall continue to serve the Government under these presents he will be entitled under the rules for the time being applicable to his case—

(i) for himself three single passages i.e. (*a*) when proceeding on leave to a free single passage to England and on the expiry of such leave to a free single passage to India (*b*) to a free single passage when proceeding to England on vacating the post;

(ii) for his wife to the same number of free single passages;

(iii) for each of his children (if a male under the age of 12 years if a female under the age of 21 years and unmarried) to not more than the equivalent of a free single adult passage.

16. That the cost of the passages provided under clauses 1, 10 and 15 hereof will be limited to that of a first-class B passage by the Peninsular and Oriental Line between London and Bombay and Bombay and London.

17. That if his appointment is confirmed at the end of the said term of two years and he shall continue to serve the Government under these presents his service commencing from the date of his first entering on the performance of his duties in India) shall count as service towards leave under the rules for the time being applicable to his case.

18. That in any payments made in the United Kingdom under these presents the rate of exchange then applicable to the class of transaction concerned as decided by the Secretary of State for India in Council from time to time shall be observed.

19. That the proceedings letters and reports of the Government or of any of the local Governments and of their Officers and Agents or any copies thereof or extracts therefrom which shall be sent officially to the Secretary of State for India in Council or to any officers or servants in the Indian Service of His Majesty in England or elsewhere in any way relating to the sums of money to be paid or allowed to the party of the first part or to his conduct or in any way relating to the premises shall be received as evidence of any matter therein contained in any action or in any legal proceedings by or between the parties to these presents or in any way relating thereto.

20. That all acts authorised or required to be done by the Government may be done in the United Kingdom by the High Commissioner for India acting on their behalf.

IN WITNESS whereof the party of the first part and SIR ATUL CHANDRA CHATTERJEE, K.C.I.E., the High Commissioner for India on behalf of the Secretary of State for India in Council have hereunto set their hands the day and year first above written.

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Signed by the party of the first part in the presence of— } Sgd. A. T. C. Sodamuds.

Sgd. W. M. Williams
9 Clerescent Rd.
Beckenham.

Signed by the said High Commissioner for India in the presence of— } Sgd. A C Chatterjee.

Sgd. [illegible]
Pte Secretary.

Dated 23rd September 1929.

F. F. C. EDMONDS, Esq.

Copy.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT

for service as an

Inspector of Schools, Bangalore and Coorg.

No. 1989 -Education.

Government of India.

Department of Education, Health & Lands.

New Delhi, the 4th November 1929.

Notification.

Mr. F.F.C.Edmonds, M.A., B.Sc., is appointed to the special post of Inspector of Schools, Bangalore and Coorg, with effect from the date on which he assumes charge of his duties.

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5/11/29

Sd. F. Noyce.

Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 1990 -Edn.

Copy forwarded to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore, for information, in continuation of this Department endorsemen
S.N.14. No. 1988 -Edn., dated the 4th November 1929.

By order,

Assistant Secretary.

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Commissioner of Coorg, Mercara

Pay and Accounts Officer, Bangalore,

Audit Officer, Experiments, Bangalore,

Accountant General, Madras,

for information.(with reference to his letter Ref. No. P.G. 2461, dated the 28th October, 1929.)

L. J. G. Lock

Secretary to the Resident and Chief Commissioner.

S.N. 14/A, 14/B — 1. Letter from the High Commissioner for India, No. G. 24-3-65, dated the 10th October, 1929, with enclosure.

S.N. 15. — 2. Notification No. 1989-Education, dated the 4th November, 1929, by the Government of India, Department of --- Education, Health and Lands.

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Dated 11th November **1929**

From

E. G. McAlpine Esq., M. A.,

Inspector of Schools, Coorg & Bangalore.

To

The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore

BANGALORE.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that Mr. F.F.C. Edmonds reported his arrival from England on the forenoon of Saturday the 9th November 1929, and to request that the necessary orders may kindly be issued.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

E G McAlpine

Inspector of Schools,

Coorg & Bangalore.

Telegram No. 9572 dated the 13th November, 1929, from the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Education, Health and Lands.

S. N. 12. N

My letter 9092 October 26th. Edmonds reported arrival Bangalore forenoon November ninth. Am - - retaining McAlpine pending orders.

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REGISTRAR, RESIDENT'S OFFICE.

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Department of Education, Health and Lands.

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Dated 20th November 1929.

From

E. G. McAlpine Esq., M. A.,

Inspector of Schools, Coorg & Bangalore.

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To

The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident 106 B/1929.

in Mysore, Bangalore.

"Advance of pay to Mr. F.F.C. Edmonds".

Sir,

I have the honour to state that Mr. F. F. C. Edmonds, has obtained an advance of a month's pay (i. e.) Rs.700/- from the High Commissioner for India before he embarked for India. Under rule 159 (a) of the Civil Account Code he should refund the money in 3 equal monthly instalments, beginning from his salary for the month of December 1929. But since he had to incur heavy personal expenses during his voyage and rail journey and will have further expenses in setting down here, I recommend that you will be good enough to move the Hon'ble the Resident to permit him, under rule 160 of the Civil Account Code, to refund the money in 7 monthly equal instalments of Rs.100/- each beginning from his December salary.

S. N. 14/A

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

E G McAlpine

Inspector of Schools,

Coorg & Bangalore.

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* Letter No. 3282/21-24, dated the 20th November, 1929, from the Inspector of Schools, Coorg and Bangalore.

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for Secretary to the Resident.

T. N. Thangavelu
Mudaliar.
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Extract from office notes of Coorg Chief Commissioner's office file No. 241 of 1913.

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We now know approximate dates. But await reply to telegram asking that services of Mr. McAlpine should be kept on for one month. If not received soon we should remind.

Id. G.L
24-9-29.

py to R.O.

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Draft revision submitted.

P.V. Krishnaswamy 1-10-29

Secretary

Approved
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2.10.29

S No.9

Issued No.8433, dated 4-10-1929.

Telegram No.1842-E, dated the 5th October, 1929, from the Govt of India, Department of Education, Health and Lands.

Please see S Nos. 4 and 9 and P.U.C.

A further communication from the Govt of India may be awaited up to 21-10-1929.

P.V. Krishnaswamy 8/10
8.10.29.

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By way of analogy, it may be pointed out that when the young policeman joins duty ∅ in India, he serves for tw years in a police training school. The young civilian similarly is posted to a Collector's headquarters, and is lucky if he gets his first sub-division in 18 months If Mr. Edmonds is not to serve some kind of probationar period under Mr. McAlpine, the present acting Inspe ctor of Schools, there is bound to be chaos and trouble in the department, followed by complaints from Mr. Edmonds that he has been put in an entirely unfair position, an made to assume an impossible responsibility demanded fr none of his predecessors.

I have therefore on general grounds to recommend that Mr. Edmonds should serve under Mr. McAlpine till the end of March, (provided that the Mysore Durbar will extend the loan period of the latter by other six weeks.)

(b) Particular.

Apart altogether from these general considerations, thre is one particular reason why it should be highly inadvisable for Mr. Edmonds to take charge immediately on his arrival.

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construction of quarters for the Collector.

also anticipated under other heads.

Draft letter to the Govt of India submitted as verbally ordered by the Secretary.

T. N. Thangavelu Mudaliar
24-10-1929.

Secretary

S.N. 12.

Issued No. 9092, dated the 26th October, 1929.

R. N. 17.

Letter No. 3203/37-24, dated the 11th November, 1929, from Mr. E.G.McAlpine, Inspector of Schools, Coorg and Bangalore.

The arrival of Mr. Edmonds may perhaps be reported to the Government of India who may also be asked to pass early orders as regards the retention of Mr. McAlpine.

Draft telegram is submitted for approval.

Secretary

T. N. Thangavelu Mudaliar
12-11-1929.

We may issue the draft as amended.

Then we may ask the P and A.O. what formalities are necessary to enable Mr Edmonds to draw his pay : may be asked to treat the matter as urgent as it is desirable to enable him to draw funds whether regular or in the form of an advance .

13.11.29

Resdt.

S.N.13

Letter Ref. No. P.G. 2461, dated the 28th October, 1929, from the Pay and Accounts Officer, Bangalore.

Draft letter to the Government of India is submitted for approval.

T. N. Thangavelu
Mudaliar
2-11-1929

Secretary

As amended. P.L. Jain
letter as per my note file for Resident's signature
7.11.29

S.N. 14 & 15.

Endorsement Nos. 1988-90, dated the 4th November, 1929, from the Government of India, Department of Education, Health and Lands.

S.N.14

P.U.C. II contains the information required by the Pay and Accounts Officer, Bangalore, in P.U.C. I. ------- Therefore there is no need to issue the draft letter ----- referred to in para 1 of the office notes. Copies of P.U.C. II and III may perhaps be sent to the Pay and ----- Accounts Officer, Inspector of Schools and the Audit ---- Officer, Bangalore, ~~the Draft endorsement is submitted for approval~~ Commissioner of Coorg and the Accountant ------ General, Madras. Draft endorsement is submitted for approval.

No
9.11.29

T. N. Thangavelu
Mudaliar
8-11-1929.

Secretary

Issue. Pl. see draft etc.
9.11.29

S.N. 16.

Issued No. 9549, dated the 12th November, 1929.

Submitted.

T. N. Thangavelu
Mudaliar
12-11-1929

Resident.

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DEPARTMENT. (14)

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No. 1628 Dated 4-9. 1928.

From Resident Mysore.

To E d l a n d s

SIMLA.

Demi-official. Your demi-official letter 1578 Edn., August 27th. Please telegraph urgently probable date arrival of Edmonds.

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Telegram dated the 7th September, 1929, from the
the Government of India, Department of Education, Health and
Lands, to the Resident in Mysore.

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D.O.No.1658/Edn. Your demi-official telegram fourth -
September, 7628. Enquiry being made from ~~the~~ High Commissione
as to probable date arrival Edmonds.

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Telegram No.Do/702-Edn, dated 17th September 1929 from the Political Secretary to the Government of India -- Foreign and Political Department, to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore.

Regd. No. 9042
Date of Receipt 17/9/29
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This department telegram seventh September 1658 Edmonds due to sail by fifteenth October for Bombay per -- S. S. City of Paris.

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Medical Board as to his physical fitness for service.

6 Of the other candidates interviewed Mr. Jones impressed the Committee as a candidate of good type and experience. This gentleman, who is at present on leave in this country, holds the appointment of Professor of Chemistry at the Islamia College, Peshawar. At this College he appears to have a good record, having acted for a time as Principal. While this candidate was regarded as generally suitable, from the point of view of personality and general adaptability Mr. Edmonds was considered to be the better candidate for the particular appointment under consideration. The Committee recorded a similar opinion on the candidature of Mr. G. Harrison who, while possessing good academic qualifications and special experience as headmaster of a county secondary school, was of a less attractive type and seemed to possess less energy and adaptability than Mr. Edmonds.

7 The Committee found that the other candidates who appeared before them, Messrs. Billinghurst and M. Harrison did not possess the qualifications required for this appointment.

Sd. J.C.B. DRAKE.

31.7.29.

KENT EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

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County School for Boys,
Beckenham, Kent.
February 25th 1929.

It gives me great pleasure to write on behalf of my colleague, Mr. F.F.C.Edmonds, M.A. (Cantab.), B.Sc., (London).

Mr. Edmonds joined my staff in November 1926 to take the Chemistry of the Senior and Middle School for which he has excellent qualifications. His previous experience, keenness and enthusiasm have produced excellent results, and given me entire satisfaction. Discipline is maintained in an easy and efficient manner and without the slightest friction. He is a man of the highest principles and integrity and his influence has been most beneficial. I need scarcely mention that he is popular with his colleagues and the boys.

Mr. Edmonds possesses high musical ability and has thrown himself whole-heartedly into those out-of-school activities in which this art figures. This term he is producing "Iolanthe" and training the choirs.

I shall be extremely sorry to lose Mr. Edmonds but at the same time I fully recognise the desirability on his part of gaining a wider and more varied experience.

Sd. Chas. T. F. Watts
(Head Master).

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No./988-Edn.

Government of India.

Department of Education, Health & Lands.

New Delhi, the 4th November 1929.

A copy of the undermentioned papers is forwarded to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore, for information, in continuation of this Department endorsement No.1688-Edn., dated the 12th September 1929.

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By order,

Assistant Secretary.

Letter from the High Commissioner for India, No.G.24-3-65, dated the 10th October 1929, with enclosure.